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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 63 (MAY 21, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 63RD MISSION-WIDE SURVEY.
MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 201500Z MAY 77.
NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

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2. HOSTILE FORCEZC

A. DDN REPORTS THE CAPTRUE OF 2 TRUCKS AND ONE POW AT KATALA (1036S/2246E) AT 191000Z MAY 77.

B. DDN REPORTS CAPTURING THREE POW'S AT KASAJI ON 19 MAY.

C. CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, DDN STATES ONLY 157 HOSTILE FORCE DEAD HAVE BEEN BURIED IN THE ZONE OF CONFLICT. A BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER NOTES THAT SOME OF THESE WERE CIVILIANS APPARENTLY CAUGHT IN CROSS-FIRE.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS REPORTED ON THE KASAJI-DILOLO AXIS. KISENGE (1042S/2311E) WAS REPORTED TAKEN BY THE TSHIBANGU BN AS OF 191530 MAY. MANY MINES WERE ENCOUNTERED AT THIS LOCATION AND WILL SLOW REOCCUPATION OF THE AREA. LUASHI (1055S/2336E) WAS REPORTED TAKEN BY THE TSHIEMBE BN ALSO AT 191530Z MAY. ONE COMPANY HAS BEEN DETACHED FROM THE MBOMBO BN, TO SECURE KISENGE, SO THAT THE TSHIBANGU BN CAN REJOIN THE MBOMBO BN IN THE LEAD OF FAZ ELEMENTS PRESSING ON TOWARD DILOLO (WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESS MAY 21, HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN). THE MBOMBO BN POSITION ON DDN'S OPERATIONS MAP WAS KAHUNDU (1039S/2242E) AS OF 201500Z MAY.

B. THE SHABANI BN REMAINS AT NASONI (1003S/2330E). ONLY 10 KMS SEPARATE HIM FROM THE COMPANY ADVANCING SOUTH FROM PWELETE (0955S/2339E). THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE KASHILESHI RIVER AT 0957S/2336E IS DESTROYED AND WILL SLOW LINK-UP.

C. THE VUADI BN REMAINS SLIGHTLY WEST OF SAMUYEMBO; THE KABANGU BN HAS PASSED THROUGH VUADI'S POSITION AND AS OF 191300Z MAY WAS REPORTED AT SANDUMBA (0938S/2312E).

D. THE AONO BN IS PROBING SOUTH OF KISENGE TOWARD THE CONFIDENTIAL

ANGOLAN BORDER.

E. NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM THE KAPANGA SUB-SECTOR. AS A RESULT OF A STAFF VISIT, DDN NOW SHOWS 939 TROOPS IN FIVE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN A SEMI-CIRCLE NORTH OF KAPANGA. NO WORD ON DELIVERY OF THE INFLATABLE BOATS.

4. MOROCCANS: NO CHANGE REPORTED TO DDN.

5. AIR: VISUAL RECON REVEALED TWO TRUCKS AT KAPANGA ON 19 MAY; HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO WAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WERE HOSTILE TRUCKS OR FRIENDLY CIVILIAN VEHICLES.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS: MAY 20 MEDIA EXTROLLED VIRTUES OF THE MOUVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE PARTY'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY. PRESS ALSO HEADLINED FALL OF KISENGE TO FAZ FORCES MAY 19 AND CLAIMS DISCOVERY OF 259 BODIES IN LIBERATED AREAS. NINETY-ONE OF THESE BODIES PURPORTEDLY WERE THOSE OF CIVIL SERVANTS SUMMARILY EXECUTED BY INVADERS. REST WERE THOSE OF "MERCENARIES".

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MAY 21 MEDIA HEADLINES FALL OF DILOLO TO FAC AND MOROCCAN UNITS. SALONGO EDITORIAL RECALLS MOBUTU SPEECH IN WHICH HE STATED "WITH ME ALIVE, WE WILL WIN." EDITORIAL GOES ON TO GLORIFY MILITARY GENIUS OF THE GUIDE.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY: MAY 20 FEATURES ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MPR. IN KINSHASA, THE DAY WAS MARKED BY A PARADE DOWN THE MAIN BOULEVARD IN WHICH COULD BE SEEN SIGNS ATTACKING SOCIO-IMPERIALISM AND CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF THE CUBANS AND THE SOVIETS FROM ZAIRE. SIMILAR PARADES WERE HELD THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED IN ZAIRE MAY 19 FOR MEETING WITH MOBUTU IN KOLWEZI. VISIT OSTENSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH SHABA INVASION, BUT NO DETAILS GIVEN BY THE LOCAL PRESS.

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9. AMCIT SITURATION: NO INFORMATION ON AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN OCCUPIED AREAS OF KAPANGA AND SANDOA.
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